



# REPENT AUSTRALIA

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

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## NO LIBERTY WITHOUT LAW

"Give me liberty or give me death." These immortal words were spoken by Patrick Henry in 1775, but they lived in the human heart long before he uttered them and have ever since. By the grace of God, liberty is one of the most precious ideals that have been cherished throughout the history of the human race. Man's search for liberty has led into violent protests and demonstrations, even into revolutions and wars. Yet, for all that, do most people really understand just what true liberty is? It is important, however, to know what the opposite--*slavery*--really is to understand liberty, what it is to be truly *free*.

### A Sex-Mad Society

The Scriptures tell us that whatever overcomes a person enslaves them. Take sex for example. Who can deny that we are a sex-mad society? Who can deny that we are obsessed with sex as it dominates magazines, films and the Internet? That which God created as good when confined to marriage is now brazenly flaunted in the crudest and most vulgar manner through the media and is now running amok throughout the community at large, spreading like a cancer. Having removed restraint and adopting free sex as an expression of so-called freedom, we have become slaves to our basic, uncontrolled passions. Our motto is: 'If it feels good, it must be right'. However, the more we worship the flesh, the less room there is for spiritual values, the only ones that really matter in the long run. The Bible is starkly clear: "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

### The Evil of Pornography

Closely allied to sex is pornography. Deep down we know it is an evil, yet we freely accept it as it is constantly thrust in our faces. In the name of 'free speech' we allow it to enslave many of the young, and not so young, before they even learn how to live happily and successfully. In fact, many are hooked on Internet sex and cannot break the habit. That is, the vilest pornography is channelled right into their own homes. They have become addicted and have lost control of this insidious soul-destroying habit. Another important element in the promulgation of pornography is seen in modern-day films which plumb the depths of depravity, graphically depicting the most debased behaviour, including all kinds of sexual perversion that is lustful, brutal and decadent. No longer do film-makers seek to elevate and inspire, but instead inflict ugliness and debauchery on their audiences through what degrades and debases in their insatiable quest for financial gain. Every night television plays a part in lowering standards. Swearing is commonplace, and portrayals of adultery, fornication, perversion and extreme violence are regular contributors to a night's 'entertainment'. As for humour, so-called comedians constantly emphasise the crude and the vulgar. Moreover, we are forever being hammered with an endless barrage of gratuitous, senseless violence, filling impressionable minds with killing and terror. No wonder the community is growing more and more dangerous and lawless with the constant, cowardly attacks on the old and defenceless by louts out of control. What kind of liberty is that?

### **The Rule of Law**

We all want to be happy. We all want to be free. But we're going the wrong way about it. The pathway to happiness and freedom is not in licentiousness but in self-control, not in promiscuity but in purity, not in decadence but in decency. True liberty is found only in living by law---God's Law. Just as Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." *We shall never know true freedom until we learn to live under God's righteous Law.* Little do we realise it now in this so-called sophisticated age but in the past we *did* live by His laws. Think deeply on this: mankind's efforts to achieve genuine freedom began with the acceptance of Christianity. The adoption of the gospel by Great Britain was the major event in the birth of the freedom of the individual and the nation. Even before the time of Augustine around AD 600 the groundwork had been laid. During the reign of King Alfred the Great in about AD 878 the Ten Commandments became the law of the land; and in 1215 the signing of the Magna Carta provided the basis for human freedoms and the cornerstone of democracy.

### **The Core of Our National Heritage**

Although few will admit it today, the Christian faith *is* the embodiment, the fundamental core, of our national heritage. It's quite impossible to understand our history, our literature or our system of government without knowing the spiritual philosophy behind them. In fact, Christian truths should be infinitely precious to us, because they provide the moral and ethical stimulus that alone can produce the freedom for which our hearts yearn. But are they? Sadly, no. As new laws are enacted that undermine our Hebrew-Christian base, we slip further and further down the road to national calamity. Homosexual legislation, family law 'reform', abolition of corporal and capital punishment, weak justice, legalising abortion and the lack of censorship of obscene and blasphemous material are typical examples of the anti-God philosophy now at work in our society. All this has happened because the 'opiate of the masses' (which Karl Marx sneeringly called Christianity) has been replaced by the opiates of mass spectator sport, unbridled sexual lusts, rock music and a new generation of drug and alcohol addicts, that provide a diversion from reality for an ever growing purposeless mass of citizens.

### **The Ball Is in Our Court**

If we would but return to God's laws through His Living Word we could claim His mercy and His protection. Indeed, it is vital that we establish a godly framework through our laws to provide the environment necessary for Him to cleanse out the dross in our midst. Indeed, it is only the power of God's Spirit operating through men and women of faith that will inspire hope and vision and the resolution to stand firm against the forces of darkness that will save us. It is only the belief and practices of the core tenets of Christianity that will lift us out of the mire of sin and rescue our nation, our democracy and our basic freedoms. We love our country even as God does. We long to see righteousness and justice flowing like mighty streams through our land. The ball is in our court and it's up to us. If we fail, we will ultimately hear these dread words when we stand before the Saviour, "I never knew you. Depart from me, you who practise lawlessness!" On the other hand, if we are true to Him and obey his commands, He will say, "Well done, good and trusty servant; you have proved faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

### **PRAYER**

Almighty God of infinite grace and mercy, we gratefully offer our thanks for the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, setting lost souls free through Your Holy Spirit of Truth. Thank You, Sovereign Lord that He came to show us the Way, the Truth and the Life and that through Your Holy Word enables us to see that there is "No Liberty Without Law." We acknowledge, dear Father, that Your law is perfect, reviving the soul; Your statutes are trustworthy, making wise the simple; Your precepts are right, giving joy to the heart; and Your ordinances are sure and altogether righteous. Grant us, O God, victory over the strongholds of darkness: lawlessness, lust, corruption and deception, and help us to rescue the lost from a spiritually bankrupt world. Spirit of the Living Lord, release Your River of Life across this spiritually barren land, sweeping many into Your Kingdom of love, liberty and peace, through Christ our Lord and Saviour, to the glory and honour of the Almighty God. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man; in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

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